identified power stations so that regular payments are made to the fuel suppliers, its transporters and to the suppliers of spares, and removing the bottlenecks for evacuation of power. Ministry of Power has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Group consisting of representatives of Ministries fo Coal, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Railways and Shipping and Transport with Ministry of Power acting as convenor for rendering assistance to the States and for monitoring of their efforts in stepping up generation.

(c) and (d) The proposal has been discussed but details are yet to be finalised.

Limit for Indian Public Finance Institutes

1061. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed limit of 40% for Indian Public Finance Institutes in Power Project based on indigenous equipments;

(b) whether any representation for Gujarat have been received to relax the limit and to exclude funding from Indian Commercial Banks while calculating aggregate exposures of IPFIs; and

(c) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) The private power policy *inter alia* stipulates that an amount not exceeding 40% of the total outlay may come from Indian public financial institutions, but the remaining amount should be met from other sources. The Government of Gujarat had requested that Independent Power Producers (IPPs) sourcing equipment from indigenous suppliers should be exempted from this limit. This request is under consideration.

Proposal by Uttar Pradesh Government for Purchasing Power from private Power Houses

1062. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for power purchase by U.P. Government from private power houses has been pending with the Central Electricity Authority;

(b) if so, the status thereof;

(c) whether it has been considered; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has already accorded techno-economic clearance to the Vishnuprayag Hydro-electric Power Project (400 MW) of M/s Jaiprakash Industries Ltd., and Rosa Thermal Power Project (Phase-I) (567 MW) of M/s Indo Gulf Fertilizers and Chemicals Corporation in Uttar Pradesh. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) submitted to CEA by M/s Jawaharpur Power India Limited for implementing the 2×400 MW Jawaharpur Thermal Power Project in district Etah in Uttar Pradesh was returned on 12.2.1997 as the project promoters were yet to tie up various inputs/clearances such as water availability clearance from Ministry of Environment & Forests, No Objection Certificate from National Airport Authority, land availability, fuel availability, etc.

Reduction of U.P.'s Share in Central Power Projects

1063. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the U.P.'s share in central power projects has been reduced from 35% to just 5%;